# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
# LOK SABHA

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USE OF ETHANOL AS TRANSPORT FUEL
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have set up pilot projects to study the use of ethanol as transport fuel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the final outcome of the field trials/Research and Development studies made so far in the pilot projects; and

(d) the prospects, for its commercialization?

## Answer

Minister in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (Shri Ram Naik)

(a) to (d): The Government have decided to set up three pilot projects to study the environmental, operational and financial aspects of the use of ethanol as transport fuel. An action plan has been drawn up to commission the project and commence supply of ethanol doped gasoline at oil companies` depots in Miraj/Hazarwadi, Maharashtra. Two more sites have been identified for commissioning of the pilot projects, one in the state of Uttar Pradesh near Bareilly and the other again in Maharashtra near Manmad.The field trials and the Research & Development studies in this respect have not yet been completed and the prospects for commercialization of the fuel will depend on their outcome.